

Business Notes.

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New-York Daily Tribune.

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1856.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—No notice can be taken of anonymous communications. What is intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, and must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, and must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer.

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE DAILY TRIBUNE must be handed in before ten o'clock in the evening in order to secure their appearance the following morning.

Democratic Republican Convention.

The undersigned, at the request of numerous members and friends of the Democratic Republican party in different parts of the State, and in view of the anti-Democratic platform and proceedings of the late Convention of the party, invite their fellow citizens of the State of New York who are in favor of maintaining the political principles and position of Jefferson and Jackson, and of the Democratic Republican party, to meet at the City of Syracuse, on Thursday, the 24th of July, 1856, for the purpose of organizing a new party, for the purpose of organizing a new party, for the purpose of organizing a new party.

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And it should be manslaughter by statute to disregard such an order.

Yes, the Railroad should first be managed by paid officers—at least a well-paid General Superintendent—without whose clearly communicated order no train should ever start out of the established and well known regular hours of departure—then each Road, no matter how poor, should have its line of telegraph, by which every conductor or his time should be directed from headquarters—and then the law of the land should enforce against every person employed on a railroad a most rigid personal responsibility for every act or order by which the lives of others may be put at hazard. No life should ever be lost by a collision without some one being put on trial for manslaughter if not murder. And the law should so define responsibility and provide against casualty that every man's guilt or innocence in the premises would depend solely on the facts in the case.

Let us hope that no more murders by collision will be necessary to stir up our law-makers to the necessity of framing a comprehensive code for the management of these important thoroughfares. Such a code ought to provide that

1. Walking, standing, sitting or lying on a railroad track, is a misdemeanor, endangering human life, and should be punishable by fine at least.
2. Sending out an excursion or other extra train without giving special directions in writing to every conductor on said train, and on those with which it may possibly come into collision, is a more flagrant misdemeanor, to be punished by fine when no evil consequence follows, and in the other case as manslaughter.
3. Every Railroad must have its telegraph, and run its trains thereby. A failure to comply to be finable, and to work a forfeiture of charter.
4. Any conductor who disregards his orders, and thus hazards a collision, to be punished—for a misdemeanor if no evil consequences ensue; for manslaughter if human life is lost; and for a bloodless collision in the discretion of the Jury.

A carefully-drawn, comprehensive, stringent act of this sort in every State would save hundreds of valuable lives—to say nothing of property. Let us have one forthwith.

There are two subjects for legislation suggested by the recent case of Ex-Hon. P. S. Brooks, upon which Congress—if it has any respect for itself, for the public sentiment of the country never on any occasion more loudly and emphatically expressed, for the laws, or for the Constitution—cannot omit to act forthwith and before any adjournment takes place.

Not content with having already trampled under foot the Constitution of the Union and the privileges of Congress, the insolent Brooks, several times in the course of the debate on his case, has had—in spite of the stringent laws of the United States against dueling, and in spite of the provision of the Constitution which forbids Members being elsewhere called to account for anything uttered in debate—the audacity to send some brother bully to inquire of Members whom he wished to overawe, or at whose utterances he had taken offense, whether they were ready to fight, and not only this, but in the last speech that he made in the House, with the view of reflecting upon one of these members, Brooks had the additional audacity to read a letter from one of those brother bullies, pretending to give an account of one of these interviews. Now, apart from the breach of privilege, which in a House so dilated by doughfaces would subject both Brooks and his accomplices to proceedings to pretty stringent and summary punishment, it is by law a high misdemeanor to be in any way concerned within the District of Columbia in sending a challenge or setting a duel on foot. To all intents and purposes, in a common-sense view of the matter, such message as we have above referred to are precisely challenges, neither more nor less. Still, though messages of this sort come clearly within the mischief which it is the design and intention of the law to suppress, it is not too certain that the Judge who occupies at present the seat of Criminal Justice—Justice did we say? let us mind that—whose duty it is to administer the criminal laws of the District, would hold that the letter of the law as it now stands, does not cover such messages.

Under these circumstances, we call upon Congress to discontinue the attempts now making to introduce the duel as part of the machinery of legislation, by a new act framed to meet this very case—an act to make all indirect invitations to a duel, whether to be fought in or out of the District, equally criminal with a formal challenge. Such a law would not be exposed to the charge of sectionalism, since there is not, we believe, a single Northern State—and we say it to their credit—which has not exerted its legislative authority to the utmost to discourage and put down this barbarous and unchristian practice. But, in addition to an act of this sort, there is still more imperatively needed an act to punish assault upon Members of Congress while employed in the discharge of their legislative duties. This is a subject to which we referred some time ago, and to which we again call special attention. The proceedings in the case of the ruffians who assaulted Mr. Sumner show how utterly inefficacious the existing laws are. Judge Crawford lets off the murderous assault with a trifling fine, and there are so many ruffians or cowards in Congress that it is not possible to get a vote of two thirds to expel him. Even exorted to the utmost, the power vested directly in Congress to punish breakers of privilege is entirely inadequate to such cases as have recently occurred. That power is limited to imprisonment pending the session, with the addition, when the offender is a member, of expulsion; whereas imprisonment in the penitentiary for two years, at the least, ought to be the punishment of any attempt to overawe members of Congress by the employment of personal violence.

We trust the House will not adjourn without acting on these important subjects. Should the Senate refuse to concur, it will help to enlighten the people as to what sort of a Senate we now have.

The Freedom of the Pulpit—that is, the right of clergymen to discuss in their regular ministrations such topics as they believe vital to the moral sanity and well-being of their hearers—is one of the most important questions debated in our day. Let us briefly consider it.

That clergymen should "preach the Gospel" is vehemently insisted on one side, and not denied on the other. But what is "preaching the Gospel?" When John the Baptist said to King Herod, "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife," did he stray from the line of his duty as a divine messenger into "preaching politics?" We think not.

Suppose a Christian pastor to-day were to find among his flock a thrifty, shrewd, industrial, fair-seeing man, who claimed to be the husband of two wives and maintained that, under the peculiar circumstances of his case, he did right to take a second wife—his first being a helpless invalid—would it be wrong in that pastor to discipline that bigamist, and drive him either out of the church or into decency?

But suppose the law of the land permitted and sanctioned bigamy, would that excuse the professedly Christian bigamist, or any wise affect the pastor's duty? Who says yes?

Every act is either right or wrong, permitted or forbidden, in the light of God's law. Of that law, the Christian pastor is the expositor. Many acts permitted by our civil laws are forbidden by the divine. The laxity of the former—perhaps wise and politic, for the State does not attempt to punish every injurious act—in no manner requires a corresponding laxity in the application of the latter, but rather the contrary.

Our State formerly did not punish seduction nor adultery as such. Now it does, or tries to. Was it any less the duty of clergymen to denounce and reprobate those offenses formerly than it now is?

We see no solid ground on which the Pulpit can stand but that of a faithful, fearless, unsparring testimony against every kind of iniquity, whether condemned by the State or not—whether chronic or casual, corporate or personal, common or peculiar. If he be not the true ground, who will say what is? If a clergyman may wink at certain iniquities because they have long passed unquestioned, or are tolerated by the State, or are upheld and committed by respectable people, we apprehend the Church will soon become a mere cloak for cherished and convenient sins, with no more moral power or saving grace in America than it exhibits in Abyssinia